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Kindly add the following claim:

~~E~~ 12. The method of claim 10 or claim 20 wherein said method can detect Group A streptococcus cells when present at a concentration as low as 4×10^5 cells per said sample.

DRAWINGS

Applicants will delay filing of formal drawings until after receipt of the "Notice of Allowability" (PTO-37).

REMARKS

This invention relates to one-step immunoassays for extracted analytes which permit efficient extraction of analytes from samples, while minimizing sample manipulation following extraction. This permits these assays to be performed by individuals without extensive training in laboratory techniques.

The sample extractions are carried out in separately provided assay chambers which are not in fluid communication with the sample receiving region of the immunoassay device at the time of extraction, *i.e.*, which is separate from the lateral flow immunochromatographic device. This permits greater control over mixing of the sample with the extraction reagents, and the duration of the extraction procedure. This added control over extraction conditions permits greater efficiency of extraction, and